

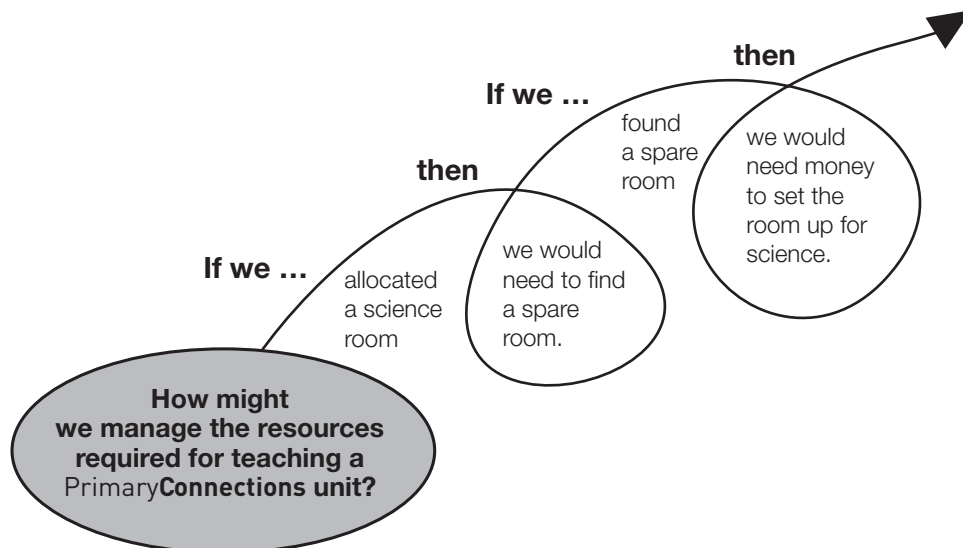
If...then

Purpose

A tool for studying proposed actions and their consequences.

Process

- Prepare a large sheet of paper with the focus issue or question displayed in the middle.
- Participants brainstorm the first suggested action in response to the question by asking 'If we...'.
- Participants draw spiral arrow images from the centre and in each created circle write the consequence (or 'then') of the 'If we..?'.
- A number of different scenarios may be explored using these spirals.
- Comparisons of each action or consequence spiral may be made to help decide which plan would be the most effective.



Product

The if...then chart captures multiple actions and their subsequent consequences on the same chart.

PrimaryConnections examples

- How might we manage the resources required for teaching a PrimaryConnections unit?
- How might we organise the students in a particular stage group for PrimaryConnections experiences?
- How do we prevent negative reaction to a new way of teaching science?

Reference

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